

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus having a function to transfer content data to a device connected thereto, the information processing apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing the content data to a storage medium;

setting means for setting whether the information processing apparatus automatically transfers content data stored in said storage medium to the device; and

transferring means for transferring the content data stored in the storage medium to the connected device automatically without regard to designation of content data based on a user input in case the setting means has set so that the information processing apparatus transfers content data stored in said storage medium to the device.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

reading means for reading the content data from a recording medium,

wherein the storage means stores the content data read from the recording medium.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the recording medium is an optical disc, and the reading means reads the content data from the optical disc.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the recording medium is a semiconductor memory, and the reading means read the content data from the semiconductor memory.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

encrypting means for encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data read by the reading means,

wherein the storage means stores the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising

compression means for compressing the content data read by the reading means in a predetermined format file,

wherein the storage means stores the content data compressed by the compression means to the storage medium.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:

encrypting means for encrypting the content data compressed by the compression means,

wherein the storage means stores the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

communications means for receiving content data via a network,

wherein the storage means stores the received content data as the content data.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

encrypting means for encrypting the content data received by the communications means,

wherein the storage means stores the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

compression means for compressing the content data received by the communications means in a predetermined format file,

wherein the storage means stores the content data compressed by the compression means to the storage medium.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An information processing method carried out in an information processing apparatus having a function to transfer content data to a device connected thereto, the method comprising:

storing the content data to a storage medium;

setting whether the information processing device automatically transfers the content data stored in the storage medium to the device; and

transferring the content data stored in the storage medium to the connected device automatically without regard to designation of content data based on a user input in case it has been set so that that the information processing apparatus transfers content data stored in the storage medium to the device.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

reading the content data from a recording medium; and
storing the read content data to the storage medium.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 13, further comprising:

encrypting the content data read from the recording medium; and
storing the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

changing a compression method by which the read content data is compressed to a predetermined method; and
storing the content data compressed by the predetermined method to the storage medium.

Claim 16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 15 [[16]], further comprising:

encrypting the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method;
and
storing the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

- receiving a content via a network; and
- storing the received content data to the storage medium.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 18, further comprising:

- encrypting the received content data; and
- storing the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 18, further comprising:

- changing a compression method by which the received content data is compressed to a predetermined method; and
- storing the content data compressed by the predetermined method to the storage medium.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 20, further comprising:

- encrypting the compressed content data; and
- storing the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A computer-readable medium having stored therein an information processing program for use in an information processing apparatus having a function to transfer content data to a device connected thereto, the program comprising:

storing the content data to a storage medium;

setting whether the information processing device automatically transfers the content data stored in the storage medium to the device; and

transferring the content data stored in the storage medium to the connected device automatically without regard to designation of content data based on a user input in case it has been set that the information processing apparatus transfer content data stored in the storage medium to the device.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium according to claim 22, further comprising:

reading the content data from a recording medium; and

storing the content read data to the storage medium.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium according to claim 22, further comprising:

encrypting the content data read from the recording medium; and

storing the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium according to claim 22, further comprising:

changing a compression method by which the read content data is compressed to a predetermined method; and

storing the content data compressed by the predetermined method to the storage medium.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium according to claim 25, further comprising:

encrypting the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method;
and
storing the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium according to claim 22, further comprising:

receiving a content via a network; and
storing the received content data to the storage medium.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium according to claim 27, further comprising:

encrypting the received content data; and
storing the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium according to claim 27, further comprising:

changing a compression method by which the received content data is compressed to a predetermined method; and
storing the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method to the storage medium.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium according to claim 29, further comprising:

encrypting the compressed content data; and
storing the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claims 31-38 (Canceled).

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): An information processing method carried out in an information processor having a function to transfer contents to a device connected thereto, the method comprising:

controlling recording of the plurality of contents to a recording means; and
controlling, each time at least one of the contents is recorded at the recording controlling step in case the content has been recorded at the recording controlling step, transferring of the recorded content to the connected device while recording the other contents not yet recorded.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): A computer-readable storage medium having stored therein a computer-readable program for controlling an information processor to perform a method of checking out a content to a device connected thereto, the method comprising:

controlling of the recording of the plurality of contents to a recording means; and
controlling, each time at least one of the contents to be recorded has been recorded to the recording medium at the recording controlling step in case the content is recorded at the recording controlling step, transferring of the recorded content to the connected device while recording the other contents not yet recorded.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus having a function to transfer content data to a device connected thereto, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a recording unit configured to store the content data to a storage medium;

~~a processor configured to set~~ an interface configured to receive an input selecting whether the information processing apparatus automatically transfers ~~transfer~~ content data stored in said storage medium to the device; and

a communications interface configured to transfer the content data stored in the storage medium to the connected device automatically without regard to designation of content data based on a user input when the information processing apparatus is set to automatically transfer content data stored in said storage medium to the device.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 41 ~~[[1]]~~, further comprising:

a reading unit configured to read the content data from a recording medium,
wherein the recording unit stores the content data read from the recording medium.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the recording medium is an optical disc, and the reading unit reads the content data from the optical disc.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the recording medium is a semiconductor memory, and the reading unit reads the content data from the semiconductor memory.

Claim 45 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 42, further comprising wherein:

~~said~~ a processor configured to encrypt, by a predetermined method, the content data read by the reading unit, and

wherein the recording unit stores the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 42, further comprising wherein:

~~said~~ a processor configured to compress the content data read by the reading unit in a predetermined format file, and

wherein the recording unit stores the compressed content data to the storage medium.

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 46, further comprising wherein:

~~said~~ a processor configured to encrypt the compressed content data, and

wherein the recording unit stores the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising:

other communications interface configured to receive content data via a network,

wherein the recording unit stores the received content data as the content data.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 48, further comprising wherein:

~~said~~ a processor configured to encrypt the content data received by the communications interface,

wherein the recording unit stores the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 48, further comprising wherein:

~~said~~ a processor configured to compress the content data received by the communications interface in a predetermined format file,

wherein the recording unit stores the compressed content data to the storage medium.

Claim 51 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

display means for displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data by the storage means.

Claim 52 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 12, further comprising:
displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data.

Claim 53 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:

displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data.

Claim 54 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising:

a display configured to display a bar showing progress of storing the content data by the recording unit.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

display means for displaying a bar in a color which shows progress of storing the content data and displaying another bar in another color which shows progress of transferring the content data stored in said storage medium by the transferring means, wherein said bar and the another bar are displayed so as to overlap each other.

Claim 56 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 12, further comprising:

displaying a bar in a color which shows progress of storing the content data and displaying another bar in another color which shows progress of transferring the content data stored in said storage medium, wherein the bar and the another bar are displayed so as to overlap each other.

Claim 57 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:

displaying a bar in a color which shows progress of storing the content data and displaying another bar in another color which shows progress of transferring the content data stored in said storage medium, wherein the bar and the another bar are displayed so as to overlap each other.

Claim 58 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus of claim 41, further comprising:

a display configured to display a bar in a color which shows progress of storing the content data and displaying another bar in another color which shows progress of transferring the content data stored in said storage medium, wherein the bar and the another bar are displayed so as to overlap each other.

Claim 59 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

display means for displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data stored in said storage medium by the transferring means.

Claim 60 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 12, further comprising:

displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data stored in said storage medium by the transferring.

Claim 61 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:

displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data stored in said storage medium by the transferring.

Claim 62 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising:

a display configured to display displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data stored in said storage medium by the communications interface.

Claim 63 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

compression means for compressing the content data stored in said storage medium in a predetermined format file so as to be able to be reproduced by the device,

wherein said transferring means transfers the compressed content data to the device.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 12, further comprising:

compressing the content data stored in said storage medium in a predetermined format file so as to be able to be reproduced by the device; and

transferring the compressed content data to the device.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:

compressing the content data stored in said storage medium in a predetermined format file so as to be able to be reproduced by the device; and

transferring the compressed content data to the device.

Claim 66 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising:

a processor configured to compress the content data stored in said storage medium in a predetermined format file so as to be able to be reproduced by the device,

wherein said communications interface transfers the compressed content data to the device.